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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A packaging (100) containing comprising:

<u>a plurality of pouches (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) each pouch have a</u> <u>head and a tail,</u> said pouches being placed head-to-tail in the packaging-(100), the packaging being of the flexible type with four welded sides-(101a, 101b, 101c, 101d).

- 2. (Currently amended) The packaging according to Claim 1, in which the <u>plurality of pouches (2a, 2b, 2e, 2d)</u> are of the doypack type.
- 3. (Currently amended) The packaging according to Claim 1, in which the <u>plurality of pouches</u> (2a, 2b, 2e, 2d) are of a flat uniform orv pillow pouch type and are placed so as to be staggered.
- 4. (Currently amended) The packaging according to one of Claims 1-to 3, in which wherein the packaging has width and length corresponding to dimensions which are submultiples of 400 x 600 mm, said pouches being arranged flat in the plane defining said width and length.
- 5. (Currently amended) The packaging according to one of Claims 1-to-4, <u>further including having</u>-a top opening-(102).
- 6. (Currently amended) The packaging according to one of Claims 1-to 4, having further including a side opening (102).
- 7. (Currently amended) The packaging according to one of Claims 1-to-6, further comprising including a handle (103).
- 8. (Currently amended) The packaging according to one of Claims 1-7, further comprising including a reclosing device.

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9. (Currently amended) A pallet comprising:

-a plurality of packagings, the packagings comprising a plurality of pouches each pouch have a head and a tail, said pouches being placed head-to-tail in the packaging, the packaging being of the flexible type with four welded sides according to one of claims 1 to 8;

whereineharacterized in that the plurality of pouches (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) are arranged flat in relation to the pallet.

- (Currently amended) The pallet according to Claim 9, wherien the pallet measuresing 800 x 1200 mm.
- 11. (Currently amended) The pallet according to Claim 9, wherien the pallet measures ing 1000 x 1200 mm.
- 12. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging having a plurality of pouches each pouch have a head and a tail, said pouches being placed head-to-tail in the packaging, the packaging being of the flexible typesaccording to any one of Claims 1 to 8, the method comprising the following steps:
 - (i) <u>provision of providing an empty packaging</u> (100) having four welded sides;
 - (ii) filling of said packaging with pouches; and
 - (viii) closingure of the packaging.
- 13. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging having a plurality of pouches each pouch have a head and a tail, said pouches being placed head-to-tail in the packaging, the packaging being of the flexible typeaccording to any one of claims 1 to 8, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (i) providing pouches in a mandrel;
 - (iiv) winding a film about said mandrel
 - (v<u>iii</u>) welding said film to obtain four welded sides (101a, 101b, 101c, 101d);

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- (iviii) withdrawing said mandrel; and
- (viii) closing the packaging.
- 14. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a palette having a plurality of packagings, the packagings comprising a plurality of pouches, each pouch have a head and a tail, said pouches being placed head-to-tail in the packaging, the packaging being of the flexible type with four welded sides; according to any one of claims 9 to 11, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (i) providing packagings containing pouches;
 - $(i\underline{i} +)$ orienting said packagings so that the pouches are flat with respect to the palette; and
 - (iii+) palletizing said packagings.